

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

DATE: September 5-6, 2002

TIME: 9:00 AM both days

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Bay Bridge
1800 Powell Street
Emeryville, CA 94608

PRESENT: Sandra Erickson, CRNA, President
LaFrancine Tate, Vice President
Grace Corse, RN
Sharon Ecker, RN (present first day only)
Cynthia G. Johnson, EdD, RN
Carmen Morales-Board, MSN, RN
Dan C. Weitzman, Public Member (present first day only)

NOT PRESENT: Thomas C Kravis, MD (absent both days)

ALSO PRESENT: Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN, Executive Officer
Susan Brank, Assistant Executive Officer
Heidi Goodman, Manager, Licensee & Administrative Services
Louisa Gomez, Manager, Licensing Standards & Evaluation; Advanced Practice
Elliot Hochberg, Manager, Enforcement Program
Kathy Meyer, Manager, Diversion Program
Louise Bailey, MEd, RN, Supervising NEC
Usrah Claar-Rice, MSN, RN, NEC
Katie Daugherty, MN, RN, NEC
Janette Wackerly, MBA, RN, NEC
Kay Weinkam, MS, RN, CNS, NEC
Grace Arndt, MSN, RN, NEC
Miyo Minato, MN, RN, NEC
Melissa Crowell, Administrative Law Judge
Hannah Hirsh Rose, Deputy Attorney General
Albert Balingit, Legal Counsel
Ellen Jibben, Recording Secretary

Thursday, September 5, 2002

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

S. Erickson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:12am and had the Board members introduce themselves. The Board welcomed students from American River College, Chabot Community College, De Anza College, San Jose State University, and Santa Rosa Junior College.

2.0 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Reduction of Penalty

BARGER, Seth	GRANTED
BOROKHOVICH, Emil	GRANTED
JEWELL, Jennifer	DENIED
LOOI, Ming Fok	GRANTED
POST, Julie Ann	DENIED

Reinstatements

PARK, Donald	DENIED
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Closed Session Discussion Items

S. Erickson, Board President, called the closed session meeting to order at 2:55pm.
The closed session adjourned at 4:00pm.

Friday, September 6, 2002

S. Erickson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am
The Board members introduced themselves.

3.0 OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address the board.

4.0 APPROVE / NOT APPROVE MINUTES Of April 18-19, 2002 and July 13-14, 2002

MSC: Tate / Erickson that the Board approve the minutes from the two previous meetings. 5/0/0

5.0 REPORT ON BOARD MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

S. Erickson, L Tate, and C. Johnson attended the NCSBN Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting, August 13-16 2002, in Long Beach, CA.

S. Erickson, G. Corse and C. Morales-Board attended the BRN Board Member orientation on August 5, 2002.

6.0 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT ON BOARD AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

R. Terry presented this report.

1.0 Board's Budget Update

Workload and Revenue – Alcidia Valim, the Board's Budget Analyst, completed the Workload and Revenue Schedule for fiscal year (FY) 2001/02. A chart was attached showing the actual workload for each revenue category for the five previous fiscal years as well as the projected workload volume for

the next two fiscal years. This schedule is used to prepare the Board's Fund Condition. In June 2002 the Legislative Conference Committee increased the Board's loan to the General Fund from \$10 million to \$12 million. The Board's fund condition will be down to roughly 3.8 months reserve by the end of FY 2002/03 and totally in the red in FY 2003/04. At this time, there are no exact re-payment dates; however, the Department of Finance has assured the Board that our fund will be closely monitored to maintain a solvent fund condition.

The following is a sampling of the trends that were noted in various revenue categories:

- » The number of RNs increased by 4% this past fiscal year, the largest increase since 1989. The number of exam applicants increased by an unexpected 18%; and the ratio of RNs entering and exiting the state continues to make a dramatic change to the Board's statistics with 1,664 more RNs coming into the state than leaving. The Governor's current Nurse Workforce Initiative is intended to address the nursing shortage, and the activities of the Initiative are expected to result in continuing increases in the number of RNs in California.
- » Schedule 9 – Purchase of Equipment for 2003/04. Forecasting two years from now, the Board is requesting to upgrade equipment to keep pace with constant changes with computers and programs as well as enabling staff to work more efficiently.

The Department of Finance anticipates the need to make further spending reductions in FY 2003-04 to bring ongoing expenditures in line with ongoing resources, which will continue the Administration's priority to limit the growth of government. Consequently, Agencies and Departments must be prepared to submit expenditure reduction plans. Even though this does not immediately affect Special Fund agencies, the Board will participate in a department-wide 20% reduction drill to determine the possible impact to the Board.

2.0 Hiring Freeze Exemptions/Reduction in Statewide Positions

The Board's hiring freeze exemptions to fill 9 vacancies to support the Nursing Workforce Initiative were rejected by the Department of Finance. The statewide drill for all vacancies that existed as of June 30, 2002 did not yield as many vacancies as Department of Finance (DOF) had hoped to find. There is a goal to eliminate 6,000 vacancies. To reach that goal, DOF may have to increase their estimate from 50% to 80% for the percent of vacant positions that will be eliminated. In terms of the BRN, the 8 positions that were vacant as of June 30, 2002 could mean a reduction of 6.4 PY. Budget language exists for all State agencies that would mandate these reductions; even Special Fund agencies will be affected.

3.0 DCA Updates

Board Member Orientations – The Board Relations Office is conducting a Board Member Orientation in Los Angeles on Wednesday, October 16, 2002. Additionally, a Legislative Workshop will be held in Sacramento, at the Capitol, on Wednesday, November 20, 2002. DCA is co-sponsoring the Consumer Advocacy Center 2002 Annual Meeting from November 13-15, 2002, in San Francisco.

7.0 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

S. Erickson, Chairperson

7.1 Approve/Not Approve: Board of Registered Nursing Committee Appointments

S. Erickson presented this report

The Administrative Committee has adjusted committee assignments as a result of the appointments of three new members to the Board. The assignments are as follows:

Education/Licensing Committee	Cynthia G. Johnson, EdD, RN Carmen Morales-Board, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Committee	Grace Corse, RN
Legislative Committee	Sandra Erickson, CRNA
Diversion/Discipline Committee, Chair	Sharon Ecker, RN

MSC: Johnson / Tate that the Board approve the committee appointments as presented. 5/0/0

7.2 Information Only: Sunset Report

R. Terry presented this report

In 1994 the Legislature mandated that the Boards within DCA undergo a sunset review. The Board of Registered Nursing was subject to review in 1996. At that time the Board was granted 6 years before subsequent review.

As a result of ongoing evaluation of services and programs, active involvement with consumer groups, professional organizations, and other regulatory agencies, as well as input received at two public forums, several significant issues were identified. A set of recommendations was developed to resolve the issues and enhance public protection.

The first recommendation is that there be a statutory mandate that the Board of Registered Nursing conduct research related to nursing demographics, workforce, and education at least every three years with funding appropriated from the BRN special fund.

The second recommendation is that the Board of Registered Nursing should continue to work with the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the Chancellor of the California State University, the President of the University of California, and the President of the Association of Independent Colleges to reform the educational system to increase student access and shorten the time for completion of nursing programs. Prerequisite and co-requisite courses should be standardized and course requirements for nursing curricula should be aligned.

The next area of recommendation centers on Enforcement case aging. Seventy percent (70%) of the Board of Registered Nursing's budget is related to enforcement activities. Our recommendation in this area is for DCA to assist the Division of Investigation in the development and implementation of strategies to expedite cases referred by the Board of Registered Nursing.

Another area related to the Enforcement Program is the Enforcement tracking system. Our recommendation is that DCA should continue to make improvements and enhancements in the existing

enforcement tracking system while working on the development and implementation of an integrated department-wide licensing and enforcement computer system.

The last recommendation is in the area of school health. This area was an important issue in 1996 and it has continued to escalate since that time. Our recommendation is that the California Department of Education, in collaboration with the Board of Registered Nursing and other interested organizations, develop and implement strategies, including possible legislative remedies, to resolve the increasing number and complexity of school health related-issues and to ensure that pupils receive safe and appropriate care.

7.3 Information Only: Summary of Annual Meeting of National Council of State Boards of Nursing

R. Terry presented this report

National Council of State Boards of Nursing is the organization that all state boards and territories are members of, and essentially they own the nursing examination.

The mission of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing is to lead in nursing regulation by assisting Member Boards, collectively and individually, to promote safe and effective nursing practice in the interest of protecting public health and welfare.

The role of the National Council is to serve as a consultant, liaison, advocate and researcher to member boards and as an education and information resource to the public and policy makers.

There are 61 member boards, all 50 states and the District of Columbia; additionally there are five separate practical nurse licensing boards. The territories that are included are Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands.

We are divided into four regions and historically, mid-year, each area would meet to discuss common interests and to get ready for the delegate assembly. They have since, due to cost and other factors, changed the meeting times to twice a year. A mid-year meeting that the Board President and Executive Officer attend happens around March and then in August the Delegate Assembly meets. Each state and territory has 2 votes each.

The Annual Delegate Assembly meeting was held in Long Beach, California this year. This is the first time in a very long time that the meeting has taken place in California. As the host state the BRN and LVN hosted a reception for the visiting delegates at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Much of the business of the National Council is done in committee prior to the annual meeting. The committees are comprised of Board Members from various boards and territories. The California BRN has been fortunate to have several staff also sit on various committees to lend their knowledge and expertise.

Ruth Terry – Finance Committee

Janette Wackerly – PERC (Practice, Education, Regulation Congruence Task Force)

Usrah Claar-Rice – PR&E (Practice, Regulation and Education Committee)

Also a member of a sub-committee that is looking at the foreign nurse issues.

Dawn Kammerer – Nursys Advisory Panel

There were two major issues this year. The first had to do with the test service transition to NCS Pearson for administering the nurse examination. There will be 13 centers set up in California.

The second issue had to do with international testing. The examination committee made a recommendation to begin international testing. The Board of Registered Nursing drafted a background paper to identify what the California concerns are with international testing. A copy of the amended motion California got passed concerning the international testing was attached. California wanted to make sure there was some critical thinking and problem solving mechanisms in place prior to National Council going forward with the implementation of an international testing program.

The California Board of Registered Nursing also developed a resolution concerning the international nurses who have passed the nursing examination but cannot practice because they do not possess a social security number.

There has been some research done in this area; several Federal Agencies are trying to work together on a solution and we are hopeful that this issue will be resolved in a timely manner.

7.4 Information Only: Update on the Nurse Workforce Initiative

S. Brank presented this report

Nursing is at the table with the Governor's Nurse Workforce Initiative with active participation from the Board of Registered Nursing and the Board of Vocational Nursing. The committee has actively solicited our input and we have actively offered our input.

We attended all of the bidder's conferences for the \$28 million solicitation for proposal. This money is from Federal dollars from the Workforce Investment Act.

Bids were submitted on efforts to increase the number of licensed nurses, both RN and LVNs in the state. There were three methods for bidding: regional training collaborative, on-site career ladders, and work place reform.

Approximately 60 major proposals were received statewide, from all regions throughout the state. There were seven teams assembled to read and evaluate the proposals. Nursing and health care was represented on each and every evaluation team. The BRN contributed 4 readers; the LVN board 2 readers, Department of Health Services, Employment Development Department and other agencies also participated.

We anticipate an announcement of awards in this solicitation of proposal and the contracts should be in place and operating by the end of October.

There is still a plan for an additional \$24 million for solicitation for proposals to expand the number of slots for nursing students in the schools. The mechanism for this has not been completely decided as of this date and the release date is not definite.

8.0 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE

Sandra Erickson, Chairperson

8.1 Approve/Not Approve: Education/Licensing Committee Recommendations

G. Arndt presented this report

Continue Approval of Nursing Education Programs

- Golden West College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Mt Saint Mary's College Associate Degree Nursing Program

- San Diego City College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- San Francisco State BSN and MSN Programs
- Butte Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Chabot College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Angeles Trade-Tech College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Medanos College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Sierra College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Solano College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Victor Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Continue Approval of Advanced Practice Nursing Education Program

- University of California Los Angeles Nurse Practitioner Program
- University of California Los Angeles Nurse Midwifery Program

MSC: Erickson / Tate that the Board approve the Education/Licensing Committee recommendations. 5/0/0

8.2 Ratify Minor Curriculum Revisions

G. Arndt presented this report

The following programs have submitted minor curriculum revisions that have been approved by the NECS:

- University of San Francisco MSN Program
- CSU Bakersfield BSN Program
- CSU Chico BSN Program
- Mt Saint Mary's College BSN Program
- Samuel Merritt – St. Mary's College BSN Program
- College of San Mateo Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Glendale Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Medanos College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Moorpark College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- San Joaquin Delta College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Shasta Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board accept the Education/Licensing Committee recommendations to ratify the minor curriculum revisions. 5/0/0

8.3 Approve/Not Approve: Progress Report From Los Angeles Southwest College Associate Degree Program and Mt. San Antonio College Associate Degree Nursing Program

G. Arndt presented this report

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board defer action until progress report is given at the October Education/Licensing Committee meeting. 5/0/0

MSC: Erickson / Tate that the Board accept the progress report and continue deferred action until the October Education/Licensing Committee meeting. 5/0/0

8.4 Approve/Not Approve Major Curriculum Revision

G. Arndt presented this report

- San Francisco State University

MSC: Erickson / Tate that the Board approve the major curriculum revision. 5/0/0

8.5 Approve/Not Approve Guidelines for Advanced Pharmacology

- Revised Guidelines for Advanced Pharmacology Requirements

MSC: Erickson / Tate that the Board approve the Revised Guidelines for Advanced Pharmacology Requirements. 5/0/0

- 8.6 Information Only:
- a) NCLEX Update
 - b) Virtual University Enterprise (VUE) – Update
 - c) Report of 2001 Non Compliance & Recommendations
 - d) Report of 2001 Post-Approval Questionnaire
 - e) Report of Spring 2002 Faculty Conference

a) NCLEX Update:

K. Daugherty presented this report

The Board of Registered Nursing receives quarterly reports from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) about the NCLEX-RN test results by quarter and with an annual perspective. The following tables show this information for 12 months and by each quarter.

NCLEX RESULTS – FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

JURISDICTION	TOTAL TAKING TEST	PERCENT PASSED %
California	5,018	84.38
United States and Territories	67,120	85.96

CALIFORNIA NCLEX RESULTS – FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

By Quarters and Year – July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

07/01/01 – 09/30/01		10/01/01– 12/31/01		01/01/02 – 03/31/02		04/01/02– 06/30/02		07/01/01 – 06/30/02	
# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass
2394	86.25	649	73.81	1,126	86.41	850	84.47	5,018	84.38

The Nursing Education Consultants monitor the NCLEX results of their assigned programs. Current procedure provides that after each academic year, if there is substandard performance (below 70% pass rate for first time candidates), the NEC requests that the program director submit a report outlining the program's action plan to address this substandard performance. Should this substandard performance continue in the second academic year, an interim visit is scheduled and a written report is submitted to the Education/Licensing Committee. If there is no improvement in the next quarter, a full approval visit is scheduled within six months. A report is made to the Education /Licensing Committee following the full approval visit.

b) Virtual University Enterprise (VUE) – Update:

K. Daugherty presented this report

Effective October 1, 2002 VUE-NCS Pearson replaces Chauncey and Prometric as the vendor responsible for administering the NCLEX-RN and PN/VN licensing examinations.

NCS-PEARSON Status Report

In August 2002, Pearson Professional Testing, an NCS Pearson business, provided the NCSBN Examination Committee a detailed annual report summarizing all phases of preparation including test and software development, quality assurance, test center buildout, alpha and beta testing, and training of staff for the administration and support of NCLEX examination. VUE-Pearson Professional Testing is now preparing for full-scale production testing beginning in October 1, 2002.

NCS Pearson has also begun conducting item writing and item review workshops in their Chicago office. A total of 15 item writing workshops and 14 item review workshops have been scheduled for 2002.

Chauncey Group Final Annual Report

As the Chauncey Group concludes their eighth and final year of providing services to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), their customary annual report highlighted the following statistics of the 2001 test year for the NCLEX-RN examination:

- Overall 108,471 NCLEX-RN examination candidates tested during 2001, as compared with 108,710 during the 2000 testing year. This represents a decrease of 0.2 percent.
- The number of 2001 first-time, U.S. educated candidates tested was 68,760 compared to 71,494 for testing year 2000. This represented a 3.8 percent decrease.
- 48.9% of the total 2001 group ended their test after a minimum of 75 items; the average time to take the examination during 2001 was 2 hours, 26 minutes.
- NCLEX-RN examination summary statistics for 2001 provided continued evidence that the administration of the examination is psychometrically sound.

c) Report of 2001 Non Compliance & Recommendations

G. Arndt presented this report

All pre-licensure nursing programs are surveyed every five years according to a master schedule. Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Midwifery programs that request BRN approval are also scheduled as part of the five-year master plan. A report of the findings of each visit is submitted to the Education/Licensing Committee (ELC) at the next available meeting. In 2001 there were 18 programs reviewed by the ELC for the first time following their scheduled approval visit. This report is a summary of the findings identified during approval visits that were reviewed by the ELC in 2001.

d) Summary of Post Approval Visit Questionnaire Spring 2001 through Spring 2002

G. Arndt presented this report

Program Directors are asked to complete a questionnaire relating to the approval process on completion of Board staff's visit. A report summarizing the questionnaire responses has traditionally been presented to the Committee based on the preceding calendar year. Beginning with this report, results will be presented based on the preceding academic year. The report will then reflect the responses from the same programs listed on the Program Visit Scheduled published each fall. This year's report will include the summary of responses following approval visits conducted in Spring 2001, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002. Beginning next year, this annual report will reflect approval visits made in the preceding academic year.

A total of 36 programs were visited within 32 institutions, beginning in February 2001 through May 2002. Three of the institutions consisted of more than one nursing education program. The number of returned questionnaires was 21 from 20 institutions, with one program sending two questionnaires. This represents a 58.33% response rate (21 returns from the 36 programs). Of the 20 programs/institutions responding, 18 were from ADN programs, one Nurse Midwifery program and two from NP programs.

The written comments included on the questionnaires were overwhelmingly positive. The pattern of responses indicated that approval visits are viewed as positive, collegial experiences that enhance each program's educational process despite the stress involved.

e) Information Only: Summary Report of Spring 2002 Faculty Educational Conference

G. Arndt presented this report

The Spring 2002 Faculty Educational Conference was held at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport on April 26, 2002. The conference was a huge success with 401 faculty participants in attendance, representing associate degree and baccalaureate nursing programs throughout California.

The seven-hour conference included presentations by Dr. Anne Wendt of National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) on the NCLEX-RN test plan and content mapping. The keynote speaker, Marilyn Moats Kennedy of Career Strategies, discussed today's student characteristics and their impact on educating future RNs. The concurrent workshops on Professional Boundaries, Disciplinary Trends of New Graduates, and Mentoring and Coaching of New Faculty followed the morning general sessions.

The evaluations of the conference were overwhelmingly positive for the conference presentations and the conference location.

The conference funds will allow a donation of \$5000 to continue the Neree Paprota scholarship. The California Organization of Associate Degree Nursing and California Association of Colleges of Nursing will be asked to each disburse \$2500 to nursing students.

9.0 REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

L. Tate, Chairperson

9.1 Adopt/Modify: Positions on Bills of Interest to the Board

L. Bailey presented this report

AB481 Firebaugh: Pupil Health

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board take an oppose position on AB481. 5/0/0

AB1140 Thomson: Nursing: Practice Status

MSC: Erickson / Corse that the Board take a support position on AB1140. 5/0/0

AB1959 Corbett: CalWorks Eligibility: Work Activities

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board take a support position on AB1959. 5/0/0

AB2314 Thomson: Nursing Education

MSC: Johnson / Erickson that the Board take a support position on AB2314. 5/0/0

SB1642 Soto: Nutrition

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board take a support position on SB1642. 5/0/0

SB2008 Speir: Nursing: Assumption Program for Education Loans
MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board take a support position on SB2008. 5/0/0

SB2019 Speir: Health Care Practitioners; Student Loans
MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board take a support position on SB2019. 5/0/0

10.0 REPORT OF THE DIVERSION/DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

10.1 Information Only: Enforcement Program Update and Statistics

E. Hochberg presented this report

The Enforcement Program statistics for the fiscal year 2001-2002 (July 2001 through June 2002) were attached.

The number of disciplinary actions for this fiscal year exceeded last fiscal year by 24% (from 190 to 235). This is a higher number of disciplinary actions than in any of the previous five fiscal years.

Due to the large number of proposed decisions, settlements, and default decisions that are pending Board vote, it is anticipated that disciplinary activity will continue to be at a high level. Also, the filing of accusations is expected to increase, as budget constraints that had to be imposed during the past two fiscal years have been lifted. A significantly increased AG budget in this fiscal year should reduce AG backlog.

10.2 Information Only: Diversion Program Update and Statistics

K. Meyer presented this report

The Diversion Program contract with Managed Health Network has been approved for another year. The contract will expire on 6/30/03. Staff has been working with the other Boards who are involved with this contract to develop a new proposal that will go out for bid prior to that date.

WEBSITE

Staff have prepared a list of frequently asked questions which has been added to the Board's website for the Diversion Program. The addition of these questions and answers will be very beneficial to those who are seeking additional information about the Diversion Program.

RETURN TO WORK TASK FORCE

Staff have been preparing for the "Return To Work" task force meeting which has been scheduled for September 17, 2002. Memos have been mailed to the Diversion Evaluation Committee members that have been selected to participate on this task force. A questionnaire was sent to all states that have alternative programs requesting input about their return to work policies. The response has been great and all information obtained will be shared with the task force at their first meeting.

STATISTICS

The Diversion Program's Statistical Summary Report for the months of April, May and June, 2002 was attached. As of June 30, 2002 there were 898 successful completions and 402 participants.

Also attached was a comparison of fiscal year statistics beginning 1998/1999 through 2001/2002. There were no significant changes in data.

10.3 Approve/Not Approve: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Appointments

K. Meyer presented this report

In accordance with Section 2770.2 (B&P), the Board of Registered Nursing is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the Diversion Evaluation Committee(s) of its Diversion Program. Each Committee is composed of three registered nurses, a physician and a public member with expertise in chemical dependency or mental health.

APPOINTMENTS:

Below are the names of one registered nurse and two physicians who are being recommended for appointment to Diversion Evaluation Committees. All three were interviewed and appear very qualified to be DEC members.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEC</u>
Sandra Cleveland	RN	#5, Central Valley
Ramon Edgar Vera	Physician	#5, Central Valley
Joseph L. Galletta	Physician	#6, Palm Springs

MSC: Morales-Board / Johnson that the Board approve the Diversion Evaluation Committee member appointments. 5/0/0

11.0 REPORT OF THE NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Sharon Ecker, RN, Chairperson

11.1 Approve/Not Approve: Advisory Statement: Performance of Botox Injections for Treatment of Wrinkles by the RN

J. Wackerly presented this report

Due to the ever increasing popularity of Botox Cosmetic injections for “frown lines,” the BRN staff “nurse of the day” calls address RN scope of practice for Botox injection almost daily. Recently the Food and Drug Administration approved Allergan Pharmaceuticals drug Botox® Cosmetic for “frown lines,” injections.

The RNs have legal ability to perform intramuscular injections of pharmaceuticals, B&P 2725(2). The RN is required to have successfully completed education and training in the administration of Botox® Cosmetic through supervised experience to gain validated competence in the treatment.

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board approve the Advisory Statement: Performance of Botox Injections for Treatment of Wrinkles by the RN. 5/0/0

11.2 Approve/Not Approve: Advisory Statement: Frequently Asked Questions About RN Scope of Practice

J. Wackerly presented this report

In an effort to provide the public and RNs with Web site information, Frequently Asked Questions About RN Scope of Practice will become an added feature to the BRN Web site. The submitted questions and answers about RN scope of practice include telephone questions and questions/answers that have appeared in the BRN report. It is planned by BRN staff to continuously update the question

and answer Web site for RN practice. As these updates become available, they will be brought before the Practice Committee.

MSC: Erickson / Johnson that the Board approve the Advisory Statement: Frequently asked Questions about RN Scope of Practice. 5/0/0

12.0 Open Forum

No one came forward to address the Board.

13.0 Agenda Items for Future Meetings

None presented.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47am.

Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN
Executive Officer

Sandra Erickson, CRNA, BPA
President